

Opening Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me:

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The New Testament Reading: Romans 13: 8–end

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel Reading: St Matthew 18: 15–20

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you:

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia,

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and it shall be opened up to you:
Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev’ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God:
Allelu, alleluia.

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Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
de la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,
divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,
que tout l’enfer fuie au son de ta voix,
dissipe le sommeil d’une âme languissante,
qui la conduit à l’oubli de tes lois!

Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé,
reçois les chants qu’il offre à ta gloire immortelle,
et de tes dons qu’il retourne comblé!

*O Word from on high, our only hope,
heaven and earth’s eternal day,
we raise our voices in this peaceful night—
Divine Saviour, look upon us.*

*Breathe on us the fire and power of your grace,
let all hell flee at the sound of your voice,
wake from their torpor these souls of ours
which live forgetful of your laws.*

*O Christ, look favourably on your faithful people
now gathered here to praise you.
Accept the praise we offer to your eternal glory,
and may we bear away with us the gifts of your grace.*

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Jean Racine (1639–99)

Hymns, Readings, and Collect

Hymn: Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the Cross!
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.